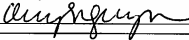


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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed May 7, 2009, in the above-identified United States Patent Application. Filed herewith is a petition and fee for a two month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to October 7, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.